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Prior to taking up the case for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Above Claim 1, insert the following line: -- What is claimed is: --

Add new claims 14, 16 and 16. And amend claims 1-13 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A process for the catalytic dewaxing of a hydrocarbon oil feed including waxy molecules and more than 500 ppmw of sulphur or sulphur containing compounds by contacting the oil feed under catalytic dewaxing conditions with a catalyst composition comprising a Group VIII metal hydrogenation component, dealuminated aluminosilicate zeolite crystallites and a low acidity refractory oxide binder material which is essentially free of alumina.